

HIGHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes



Date: Monday 14th June 2021
Time: 7.00 pm
Present: Cllr Jenkins (Vice-Chair), Cllr Gayton, Cllr Waterton, Cllr J Collett (HBBC), A Perkins (Clerk), two members of the public.

The clerk was notified that Chris Ball is the new Treasurer for the Methodist Church. The issue of long verge grass on left hand side of Station Road and the difficulty in picking up dog excrement was raised.

06/21/1 APOLOGIES

Cllr Brian Golder – recuperating - accepted.
Cllr Astrid Grimes – on holiday – accepted.
LCC Cllr Bertie Harrison-Rushton – on holiday - accepted.

06/21/2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

06/21/3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 4th of May 2021 were agreed by the Parish Councillors present as a true record of the meeting. Signed by Cllr Jenkins acting as Chair.

06/21/4 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr J Collett commented that HBBC are experiencing difficulties in 3 areas: Finance, emerging from the pandemic and planning. He reported that pre-application discussions had taken place re land off Wood Lane and that two developers have submitted outline plans for bungalows and to include a shop, although this is questionable. He recommends caution in these early stages and will represent Higham on the Hill Parish Council in whatever way it wishes to proceed. He confirmed there had been no more news on the proposed application at The Oddfellows. Cllr Gayton confirmed that he had been informed that the pub and some of the car park may potentially be offered at cost price to the community with a smaller development taking place behind. Cllr Collett confirmed that HBBC still do not have the required 5-year land supply and so, like our neighbouring villages, we remain under threat from developers. He recommends that the Parish Council has its arguments ready to oppose any developments felt to be negative to the area. He confirmed that at the forthcoming scrutiny panel there is likely to be significant financing to assist MIRA in developing land off the A5 to the west of their current site.

Cllr Collett left the meeting at 7.20pm.

06/21/5 CLERKS REPORT

Previously 05/21/9 Letter sent to Mrs L Ensor explaining that it is Parish Council policy that land held in its possession/care of may not be sold.

06/21/6 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

12/7/21

- i. Kompan Playground Inspection - Cllr Jenkins had spoken to Martin Potts (Kompan) again and confirmed a further cost of £375 + VAT per annum for 1/4ly inspections and an annual report non-Kompan play equipment.
- ii. Party in the Park – Cllr Gayton confirmed that posters have been displayed and entry wristbands printed. He brought flyers for distribution to residents and asked for help to deliver them. A meeting had taken place at the Kings Lodge with 15 residents attending and offering help and support. Prizes of a free flying lesson from a resident, a reflexology/massage voucher from a resident, £100 M&S Vouchers from A R Cartwrights and a track day at MIRA have been donated. Entertainment has been booked and activities arranged.

06/21/7 ITEMS TO BE TAKEN INTO PRIVATE SESSION

None

06/21/8 PLANNING

21/00510/FUL New Portal Framed Livestock Building, Vale Farm, Stoke Lane, Higham on the Hill.

06/21/9 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION

- i. Kompan Inspection Report – see 06/21/6 (ii) above. Proposed Cllr Gayton, seconded Cllr Waterton. Agreed to proceed.
- ii. Request from G Seller & Co to cut back a parcel of land adjacent to the old church yard but not historically our responsibility. It was agreed by all present that the Clerk contact and confirm that our contractor can carry out the works at cost to G Seller or they can arrange for their own contractor to carry out the works at their cost. Diocese to be contacted for confirmation of responsibility moving forward.

Action: Parish Clerk

06/21/10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- i. Vacancy – The resignation of Cllr Whitehead has been accepted. Clerk has notified the Returning Officer at HBBC so that the vacancy can be advertised.
- ii. Cllr Jenkins has contacted LRWT (Leics & Rutland Wildflower Trust) but has had no response to date. Will contact again.
- iii. Speed of vehicles on Wood Lane coming from the A5 is getting much much worse and traffic calming needs to be looked at before there is a major accident there.
- iv. Pre- Application on Wood Lane -

 12/7/21

06/21/11

FINANCE

Outgoings	Cheque	Minutes	inc	VAT	non	Date
	No		VAT	17.50%	VAT	
Mr S Gayton - Flowers for Mrs D Dickson	Trf	14.06.21	£30.00		£30.00	07.05.21
Michael Smith - Grounds Maintenance April	Trf	14.06.21	£480.00		£480.00	07.05.21
Clerks Salary and Expenses (1 st quarter)	Trf	14.06.21	£825.50		£825.50	30.06.21

BALANCE AT BANK £25,460.75

Instant Access Account: £14,600.00

Unity Current Account: £10,860.75

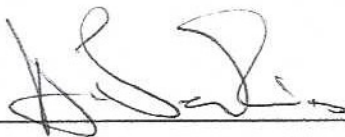
Audit Report (AGAR) 2020/2021: The internal audit has taken place and been signed off. Cllr Jenkins signed the Exemption Certificate and Parts 1 and 2. Clerk to forward all necessary paperwork to PKF Littlejohn before 30th June 2021 in line with proper practices.

06/21/12

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGMonday 12th July 2021 at 7pm in the Methodist Church, Main Street, Higham on the Hill.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

